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Supplemental Amendment

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ralph Evan McGinnis and Robert Owen McGinnis

Application No.: 10/037,718

Filed: 01/04/2002

Title of the Invention: TWO-DIMENSIONAL LINKAGE STUDY METHODS AND RELATED
INVENTIONS

Art Unit 1637

Examiner: Horlick, K.

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment/Response follows an Amendment/Response, RCE filed September 13, 2005. The Amendment/Response of September 2005 responded to all points of rejection in the Final Office Action dated May 13, 2005. A Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) was also filed along with amendments to pending claims and a new claim. **This Supplemental Amendment/Response is essentially self-contained, and there is no need for the Examiner to refer back to the claim list and Remarks in the previously filed Amendment/Response of September 2005.** This Supplemental Amendment/Response includes new and amended claims, and a new Abstract.

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Two new independent claims have been added. However, one of these new independent claims is identical in scope to a previously allowed claim (for the present application) that was canceled by the applicants to avoid a double patenting rejection in the parent application. (The parent was eventually abandoned.) The second new independent (apparatus) claim recites a novel, unobvious structural element limitation that is also recited in an already allowed independent claim in the present application. And this structural element limitation is the basis for patentability of the already allowed claim.

Applicants have attempted to aid the Examiner in the examination process. Applicants have cited with particularity support in the application for the new and amended claims. This citation of support includes references to individual paragraph numbers in the application.

A small entity fee of extra claim fee of \$550 (for a total of 18 extra claims and 1 extra independent claim) is included herewith; a fee of \$25 was previously paid for 1 total extra claim in the previously filed Amendment /Response of September 13, 2005. **So total small entity extra claim fees paid to date are for a total of 19 extra claims and 1 extra independent claim.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 12.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 26 of this paper.